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**Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association** 

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### April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The Oklahoma County Retired Educators will meet Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center, 11501 N. Rockwell. Registration and coffee

begins at 9:30am. The program starts at 10:00am.

The meeting will feature a Legislative Panel discussing current bills and other issues facing Oklahoma.





We will also award three scholarships to college education majors.

We hope you can join us!



### What Does That Mean?

If you've looked at the word above your name on the mailing address on the front of the newsletter, you may wonder what it's all about.

**Comp** means you receive a complimentary copy of the **Capitol Chronicle** as a lawmaker or an employee of OREA.

**Due** means it is time to pay your \$15.00 dues for 2022-2023.

**Life** members paid a large amount several years ago and don't need to pay dues. If you are a Life member and want the yearbook mailed to you, a \$3.00 payment will take care of it.

**NewR** means you have retired from an Oklahoma County school district in the spring of 2022.

**Paid** means you are a step ahead and have already paid your dues for 2022-2023. Thank you!

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

#### Diane Laase

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## Join Us on April 15<sup>th</sup>!









Rep. Mickey Dollens (D) District 93

Sen. Carri Hicks (D) District 40

Rep. Dick Lowe (R) District 56

#### Sabra Tucker OREA Executive Director

The April OCREA meeting will feature a legislative panel consisting of Senator Carri Hicks and Representatives Mickey Dollens and Dick Lowe. OREA Executive Director Sabra Tucker will moderate the panel. Senator Hicks is the Democratic Whip and has served in the Oklahoma Senate since 2018. Representative Dollens is the Minority Whip and has served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 2016. Representative Lowe is the Assistant Majority Whip and has served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 2020.

If you have questions or concerns you would like to address with the legislators, we hope you will join us.

We will also award three scholarships to college education majors who are preparing to complete their student teaching.



## **Pictures, Pictures, Pictures**

#### **OCREA February Meeting**

Thank you to **Dino Lalli** for an entertaining, informative program!!

Our appreciation is extended to **Weldon Davis** who agreed to preside at the meeting while our co-presidents were out of town.

Thanks, also, to Jean Hendrickson, who presented a wonderful devotional.

Members were able to enjoy our "heart-healthy" refreshments in honor of Valentine's Day!



Saturdays at 6:30pm

#### From the Executive Secretary

We would love to see you at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Reach out to a fellow retired educator and bring them to the meeting with you! You can enjoy the program and renew



your friendships with other retired educators.

Thanks to everyone who has paid your 2022-2023 OCREA dues! Please contact me when you have questions about dues or changes of address, phone number or email address.

-Diane Laase, dlaase@hotmail.com



OCREA will no longer have a post office box. Be sure and address all written correspondence and send dues to: OCREA 10801 W. Country Drive Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Memorial Minute

Listed below are those members who have passed away recently:

Jimmie D. Allen

Alice Mae Story



Weldon Davis presided at the meeting.



Dino Lalli was welcomed to the meeting by Diane Laase and Jim Roblyer.



The devotional was

presented by Jean

Hendrickson.



Dino Lalli, Discover Oklahoma



Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association Saturday, April 15, 2023 Health and Wellness Center 11501 N. Rockwell Ave., Oklahoma City

9:30 amRegistra	ation and Coffee
GreetersLinda Manaug	
10:00 am	Call to Order
Presiding Kenya Kraft & Joe Wyni	n, Co-Presidents
Devotional	Opal Floyd
Pledge of Allegiance	Diane Laase
Welcome New Members and Guests	
Memorial Minute	Kenya Kraft
Treasurer's Report	Diane Laase

#### Program:

#### **Legislative Panel**

Pioneer Awards......Marilyn Davis

#### **Business**

OCREA Scholarship Awards ..... Annette Fisher Installation of 2023-24 Officers Other

**Announcements & Adjournment** 

#### **Need to Pay Your Dues?**

Fill out the form on the right → and mail it with your check to:

OCREA 10801 W Country Dr Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Be sure and check your address label...you may have already **PAID**!

#### **OCREA Unit Meetings**

2022-2023 OCREA Meetings are scheduled for Saturday, April 15. 2023



Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center 11501 N Rockwell, Oklahoma City

9:30am Registration & Coffee 10:00am Meeting begins

#### **Important Web Sites**

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ okctyrea

Legislative Web Site: www.lsb.state.ok.us

OREA Web Site: www.orea.org

Member Benefits: <u>www.myambabenefits.info/</u> <u>okrea</u>

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OF FUN WHEN YOU'RE AROUND!

## **Volunteer Hours**

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Please follow these guideline	es when reporting volunteer hours.	Description of what constitutes	volunteer (unpaid) hours i
hree categories:			
HILDREN/YOUTH - tutorin	g, mentoring, volunteer teaching, c	hurch youth work, youth organia	zations, special projects
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Month/Year			

Our members give thousands of hours of their time and talent back to the community. Please keep track of your volunteer hours and report them on the enclosed form. The form can be emailed to Nancy Bailey (baileynancy01@gmail.com) or you can bring it to the meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our total number of unit volunteer hours is published in the annual convention book. The large number of retired educator volunteer hank You hours is useful when meeting with legislators and the general public.

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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

April 15, 2023

All meetings are held at the Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center 11501 N. Rockwell Oklahoma City

#### **Executive Committee**

#### Co-Presidents

.....Joe Wynn & Kenya Kraft Vice President .....Jim Roblyer Secretary..... Danna Senkowski Past President ...... Weldon Davis District Director .....Joe Wynn Executive Secretary/Newsletter ..... Diane Laase

#### **OREA Member Benefits**

www.orea.org/membership/ benefits

KIAI Math's Foundation Fluency Program is in need of volunteers. The program was specifically created to be a fun, engaging, and motivating math fact fluency program for kids that is easy for teachers, tutors, and parents to KIAI MATH implement. The program helps students master foundation math facts through short games

Volunteers Needed!

and drills with multiple levels to achieve. It just takes 5 to 10 minutes a day to make a phenomenal difference. The Foundation Fluency Program operates independently from any class curriculum.

The program is in place at an elementary school in Putnam City. The program can easily be expanded to serve more students/schools. The more volunteers, the more students can be helped. No tutoring or teaching experience is required. Training will be provided. Volunteers must complete and pass the training program before working with students.

The program will commence with an initial training in July of 2023, with monthly follow-up meetings through the 2023-24 school year. Volunteers will work with 2-3 students at 15- or 30-minute intervals. Volunteers may choose to work from 3 hours a week up to 24 hours a week. Please contact Jesse Yap at 405-241-6284 or at jesseyap101@gmail.com for more information.

(NOTE: Jesse is a former student of an OCREA member. She is a member at the Health & Wellness Center, saw our February meeting listed on their schedule and wondered if some of our members might like to volunteer.)



# **SCHOLARSHIP**

One of the most important functions of our OCREA Unit is the awarding of scholarships. Three OCREA Scholarships will be awarded at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to college seniors who are preparing to complete their student teaching. The universities that are eligible to receive scholarships are: Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Christian University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Please join us to welcome and congratulate these future educators.

Remember, donations to the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated and welcomed at any time during the year.